

REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11, 25, 27-36 and 40 were rejected and have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

New claims 41-60 have been added in order to further define what the Applicants consider to be the invention. Applicants assert that no new matter has been added.

Initially, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner, Leynna A. Ha, for granting and attending the telephone interview, with Applicants' Representatives, Suzanne Erez, Reg. No. 46,688, Yoav Alkalay, and Yosi Mass, on June 7, 2005. In the interview, cancelled claims 1 and 25 were discussed, as was U.S. Patent No. 6,018,724 (hereinafter Arent). During the interview, Applicants presented arguments traversing the

Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102, asserting that the Arent reference fails to teach or suggest an advanced policy and/or an analysis of credentials as presented in the present invention. The Examiner, in response, requested that further details and functionalities of the advanced policy and/or analysis of credentials will be provided.

Claims 1-11, 25, 27-36 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Arent (U.S. Patent No. 6,018,724). Applicants have cancelled claims 1-11, 25, 27-36 and 40 without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 41-60 have been added in order to further define what the Applicants consider to be the invention. Therefore, the Examiner's rejection is rendered moot.

Arent teaches a method and apparatus for authenticating data related to on-line transactions (abstract). Arent teaches the use of a JAVA wallet as a way to authenticate data related to on-line transactions (see col. 19, line 20-col. 20, line 4). Also, Arent is limited to the field of authenticating data related to on-line transactions.

New claim 41 recites a method for trusting sites in a communication network. The method includes, *inter alia*, the following step:

Feeding the input credential to an advanced
policy to deduce a plurality of verified general-context

declarations related to the site in addition to the authentication of said site. If the verified general-context declarations cannot be deduced, then the following steps take place until a plurality of verified general-context declarations related to the site in addition to the authentication of said site are deduced:

Receiving at least one additional input credential;

Feeding an additional input credential to the advanced policy to deduce a plurality of verified general-context declarations related to the site in addition to the authentication of the site.

Support for this element may be found, for example, in page 9, lines 9-15.

Furthermore, according to new claim 41 the advanced policy is deducing the verified general-context declarations as a function of at least one existing credential known to the advanced policy, or to the one input credential or the additional input credential, received above. Support for this element may be found, for example, in page 9, lines 9-15, and page 13, lines 13-19.

Applicants respectfully assert that even in its broadest reasonable interpretation, Arent is silent at least as to "feeding said at least one input credential to an

advanced policy to deduce a plurality of verified general-context declarations related to said site in addition to the authentication of said site, wherein if said plurality of verified general-context declarations cannot be deduced, receiving at least one additional input credential, and feeding said at least one additional input credential to said advanced policy to deduce a plurality of verified general-context declarations related to said site in addition to the authentication of said site, until a plurality of verified general-context declarations related to said site in addition to the authentication of said site are deduced;"

Arent is also silent to an advanced policy that "is deducing said plurality of verified general-context declarations as a function of at least one existing credential known to said advanced policy, or to said at least one input credential or said at least one additional input credential."

Claim 51 recites a system for trusting sites in a communication network, while claim 58 recites a computer software product, both of which operate on principles similar to method recited to claim 41. These claims have been added in order to further define what the Applicants consider to be the invention. For the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 51 and 59 are patentable over

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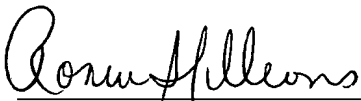
the cited art, as are claims 42-50, 52-58, and 60, which depend from claims 41, 51, and 59, respectively.

Applicants believe the amendments and remarks stated above to be fully responsive to all of the objections and grounds of rejection raised by the Examiner. In view of these amendments and remarks, all the claims in the present patent application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Prompt notice to this effect is requested.

If the Examiner has any questions he is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-628-5197.

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